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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING " NUMEROUS RECENT SOVIET CONCESSIONS AT HELSINKI" AND BILATERAL RUSSO- GERMAN SUMMIT TALKS AT BONN, VON GROLL TOOK CLEARLY OPTIMISTIC LINE MAY 23 WITH EMBOFF OVER PROSPECTS FOR WINDING UP MPT BY JUNE 1 TARGET DATE. WHILE SEVERAL PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED, KEY ISSUES IN REMAINING DAYS OF MPT WILL IN GERMAN VIEW BE MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

1. GROLL SAID BASKET ONE PRINCIPLES AND BASKET THREE HUMAN CONTACTS SEEMED UNDER CONTROL, AND PREDICTED THAT WAY OUT OF DISPUTE OVER TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE MANDATE WOULD BE FOUND. ALL THESE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY MILITARY/ SECURITY, WILL BE CONSIDERED AT MAY 24-25 EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION IN BRUSSELS. PC AIM IS TO GET BROAD APPROVAL AT QUARTERLY EC- NINE POLITICAL MINISTERIAL JUNE 5 AT BRUSSELS.

2. GROLL SAID MAIN PROBLEM IN MILITARY/ SECURITY AREA IS FRENCH UNWILLINGNESS SO FAR TO GO BEYOND CBM' S AND A GENERAL REFERENCE TO COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT (PARIS 14031 AND HELSINKI 1324 NOTAL). (AS REPORTED REFTEL, BONN PREPARED TO LIVE WITHOUT CBM ON MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS)

3. GROLL MADE CLEAR THAT GERMAN DEMANDS IN CSCE MILITARY/ SECURITY FIELD-- I. E. JOINT DECLARATION, ETC.-- NO LONGER APPEARED SO PRESSING GIVEN AGREEMENT ON REFERENCE TO COMPLEMENTARY CHARACTER OF POLITICAL/ MILITARY ISSUES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRESUMED SOVIET READINESS TO GIVE GREEN LIGHT SOON AT VIENNA TO OPENING MBFR NEGOTIATIONS ON ACCEPTABLE DATE CERTAIN THIS AUTUMN. GROLL SAID THIS LATTER FACTOR WAS CRUCIAL AND SOVIET AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK ON MBFR DATE COULD INDUCE MORE FLEXIBLE STANCE BY EVEN DUTCH, UK AND OTHER ALLIES STILL PRESSING FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY/ SECURITY CONTENT AT CSCE. BUT SHOULD SOVIETS STALL ON ACCEPTABLE MBFR DATE, UNDER GUISE OF REVERSE LINKAGE, SOME ALLIES AND, IN ANY EVENT MANY NEUTRALS, PROBABLY WOULD HANG TOUGH ON MILITARY/ SECURITY ISSUE AT HELSINKI.

4. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, GROLL SAID FRG WILL
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SEEK AT THIS WEEK' S PC MEETING TO INDUCE SOME ADDITIONAL GIVE IN FRENCH POSITION. IF THIS DOES NOT PROVE POSSIBLE, THEN RESOLUTION OF MILITARY/ SECURITY ISSUE AT HELSINKI WILL IN GROLL' S VIEW TURN ON THE SOVIET POSITION ON MBFR DATE IN VIENNA.

5. GROLL SAID FRG ALSO EXPECTED FINAL MPT MEETINGS

ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ALSO COULD PROVE RATHER
DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO MENTION
THIS SUBJECT IN FRG/ SOVIET DECLARATION FOLLOWING
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